

Hamilton Field, Pool Water Treatment Plant
(Facility No. 509)
South of Hospital Drive
Novato
Marin County
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Location: Hamilton Army Air Field
Novato, Marin County, California
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U.S.G.S.: Novato, CA. Quadrangle (7.5' series), 1954 (revised 1980)
Petaluma Point, CA. Quadrangle (7.5' series), 1959 (revised 1980)
UTM Coordinates: Zone 10; a: 542100/4213620; B: 544720/4212220;
C: 542760/4210650; D: 541040/4212600

Significance:

The building is significant as an example of the application of an important architectural trend (Spanish Colonial Revival) adapted to reflect California's mission heritage in a dramatic departure from traditional military architecture. The pool water maintenance shelter is a contributing structure to the historic district and is the only original pool service facility remaining on the base.

See narrative for Hamilton Field (HABS No. CA-2398) for a comprehensive Statement of Significance and individual report HABS No. CA-2398-A for a condensed Statement of Significance.

Description:

This small concrete structure was built in 1938 to treat the water in the airmen's swimming pool. The Olympic-sized pool is located immediately southeast of this structure, but was recently filled in with soil; only the blue tile rim around the pool is visible. The structure measures 10 feet by 15 feet and has a flat tar gravel roof. There are double metal doors on one end and a set of large (2 feet 6 inches by 6 feet) fixed metal louvers on each side. A large gas-fired boiler, minus the boiler tank, is inside the structure.

Historical Context:

See narrative for Hamilton Field (HABS No. CA-2398) and Section B in report HABS No. CA-2398-F.

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The pool treatment facility was constructed using Nurse's plans soon after initial construction ended. It is no longer in use.

Sources:

See narrative for Hamilton Field (HABS No. 239B) and Section B in report HABS No. CA-2398-F.

Project Information:

Hamilton Army Air Field is owned by various federal entities including the Department of the Navy, Department of the Army, United States Coast Guard, and General Services Administration (GSA). The Army/GSA parcels are being excessed and sold to private developers. The Navy property is included in Base Closure and Realignment actions.

As part of the Army's undertaking, it has been determined in consultation with the California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) that the excess sale will have an affect on properties at the air field, and that these properties are components of a district that is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Based on consultation with the OHP and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, pursuant to 36 CFR part B00, regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f), a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was entered into by the interested parties in March 1994. The agreement stipulated that prior to excess sale the Army must contact the HABS/HAER division at the Western Regional Office of the National Park Service, San Francisco, California, to determine the appropriate level and kind of recordation for the subject properties. The MOA further stipulated that copies of the documentation be made available to the OHP and appropriate local archives designated by the OHP. This recordation has been prepared in order to meet those stipulations.

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